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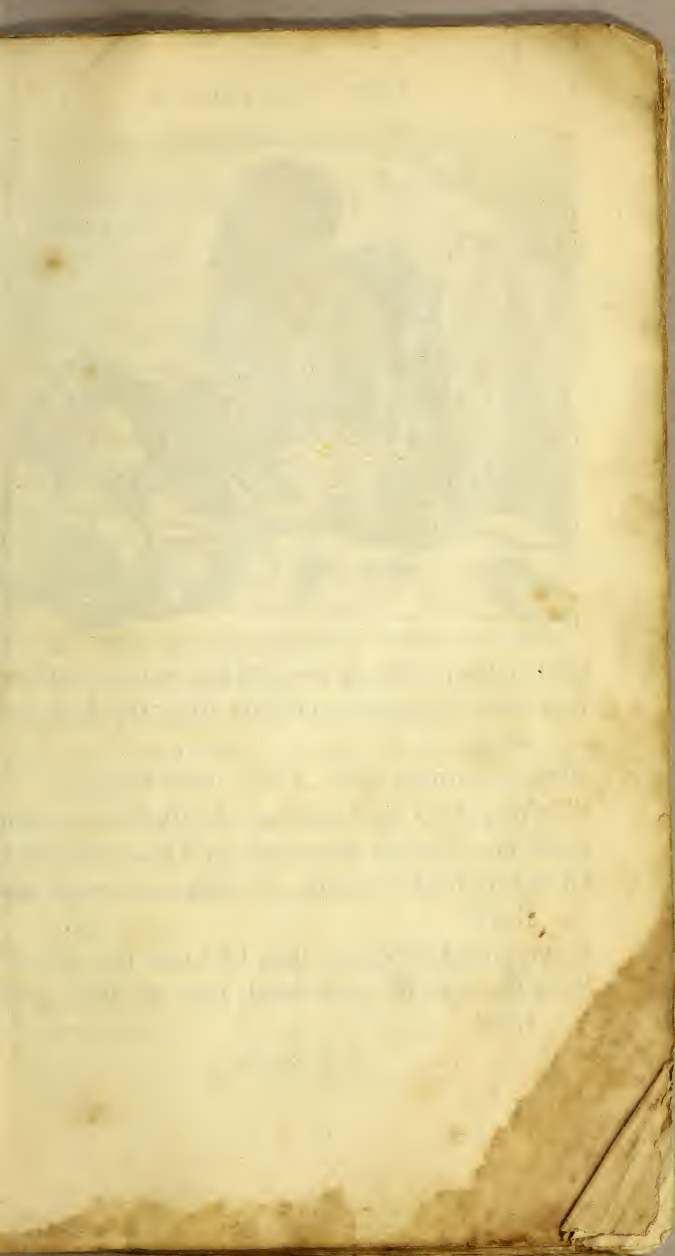
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O PITY the poor Negro—cold the wind does blow!
No warm clothes defend him from the frost and
snow.

Born in burning Afric', Cuffy loves the sun;
Shiv'ring, cold, and barefoot, Cuffy think no fun!
Once poor Cuffy's massa doctor'd him when sick,
Gave him food in plenty, clothes too, warm and
thick.

Sometimes Cuffy idle, then he catch fum-fum;*
Sometimes Cuffy work hard, then he drink good
rum!

* A flogging.

Then he dance and caper to the shake-shake's
sound ; *

Then the banjoe make him frisk de antic round !

Happy so lived Cuffy—slave—but, O poor me, }
Cunning captain coax'd him to walk across de sea, }
“ Come,” he said, “ to England, land of liberty.” }

Cuffy ran away—went on board the ship,
Cat-o-nine-tails there made him hop and skip.
Now discharged in England, hunger make him die,
Beg he must or perish !—hapless Cuffy cry !
Pity, white man,—pity the poor negro boy,
Give him money to buy food, and make him jump
for joy !

So he 'll tell you quickly how we sugar make
For de pie and pudding, de sweetmeat and cake ;
Give him clothing warm too, chase away his ruth,
And may cane still grow for buckra with sweet
tooth ;

And when little massas suck the lollypop,
When they buy nice cake too at the pastry-shop,
When the luscious sweetmeat make them feast
like kings,

Think, poor negro's labour all this comfort brings !
Then poor Cuffy's trouble will not be in vain
To describe the Progress of the Sugar Cane.

* A calabash with pebbles to rattle.



HOLEING.

EARLY in the morn a shell de driver blow-ee,
 Negro he get up,—out to work he go-ee,
 Then he take a hoe, holes too many makee,
 Then he sing!—O la! great big clods he breakee.

NEGRO'S SONG.

“ One cut for Massa, one cut for Missee,
 “ Massa's negroes work away like true boys.”

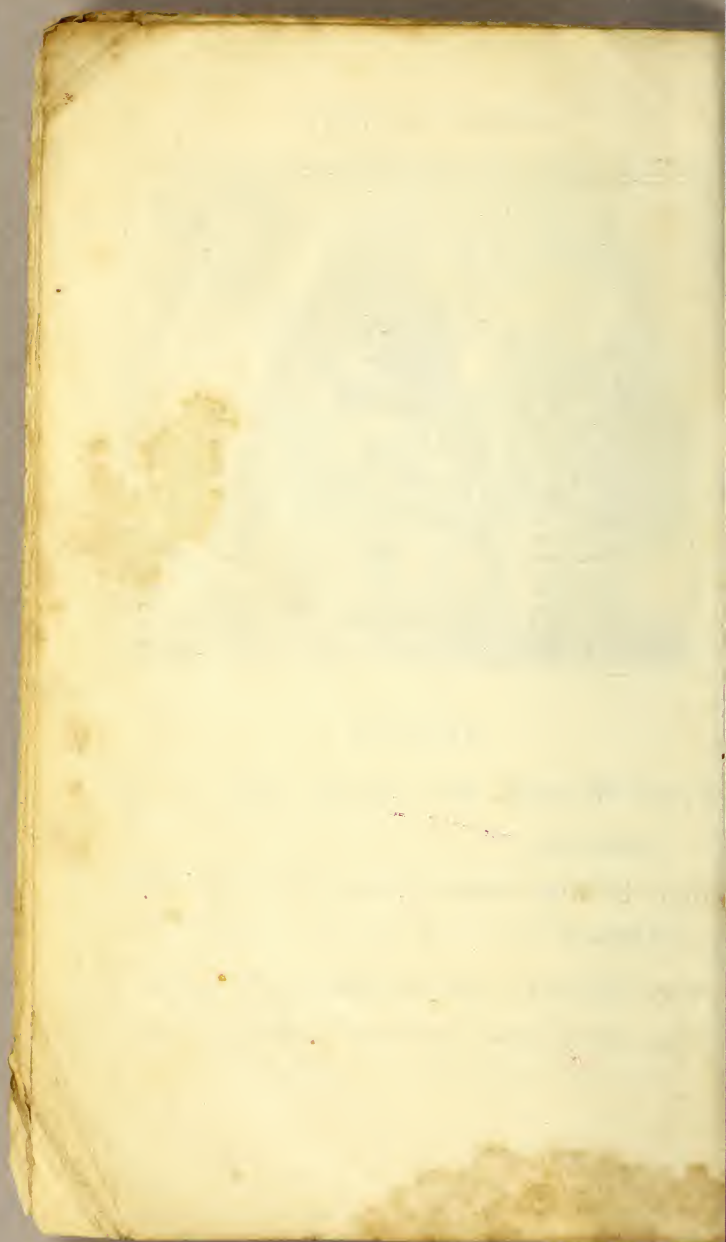


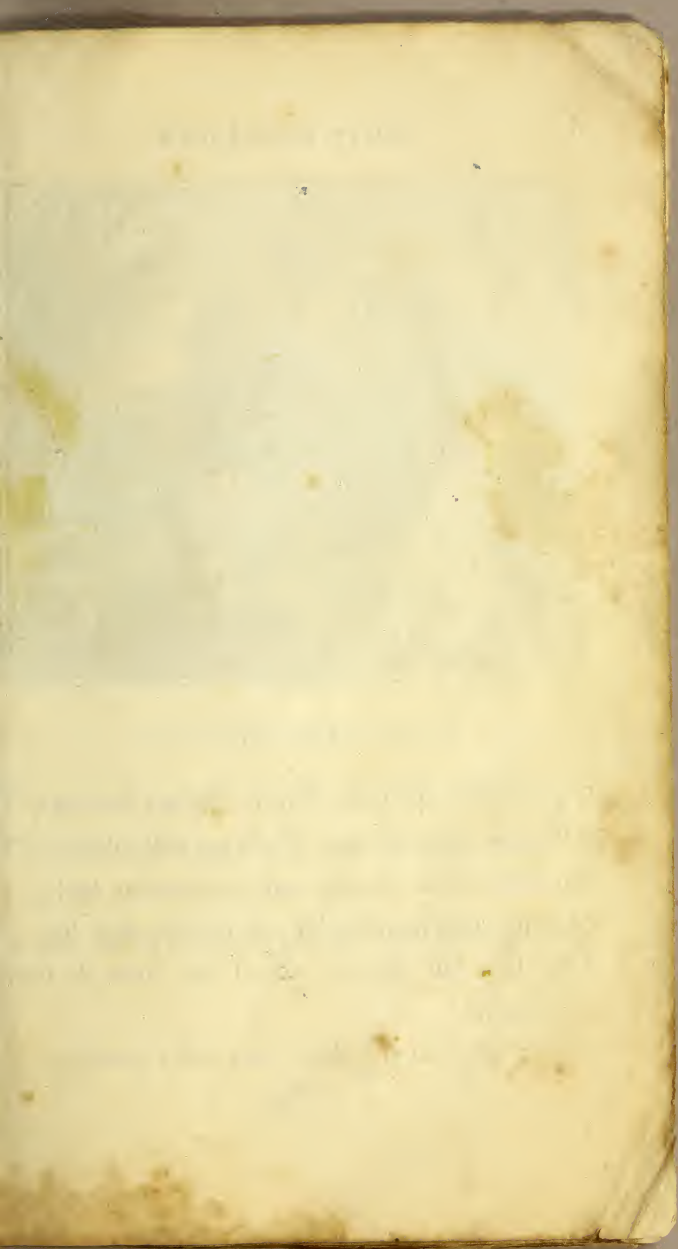
MANURING.

THEN the gang take baskets, carry on the
head—so,

And the rich manure we next into the holes
throw ;

When all holes be full then we wait for rain-ee,
When that come—O la ! then we work again-ee.







PLANTING.

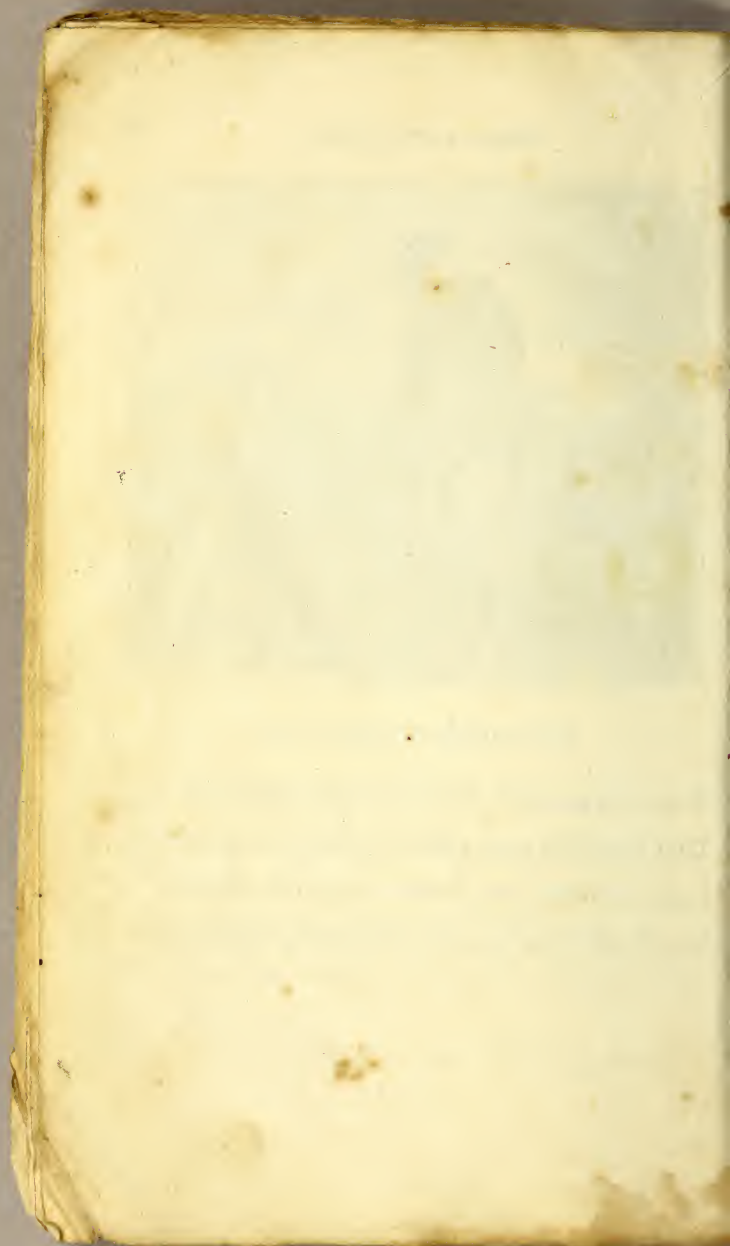
THEN cane-tops be cut, into hole we poke-ee,
 All times three or four, Cuffy no will jokee ;
 Now den home we go, merry as we can be !
 Merrier than negro ne'er can buckra-man be.
 Give him but banjoe,—keep him from de cow-
 skin,*
 Never will you see black man sulky pouting.

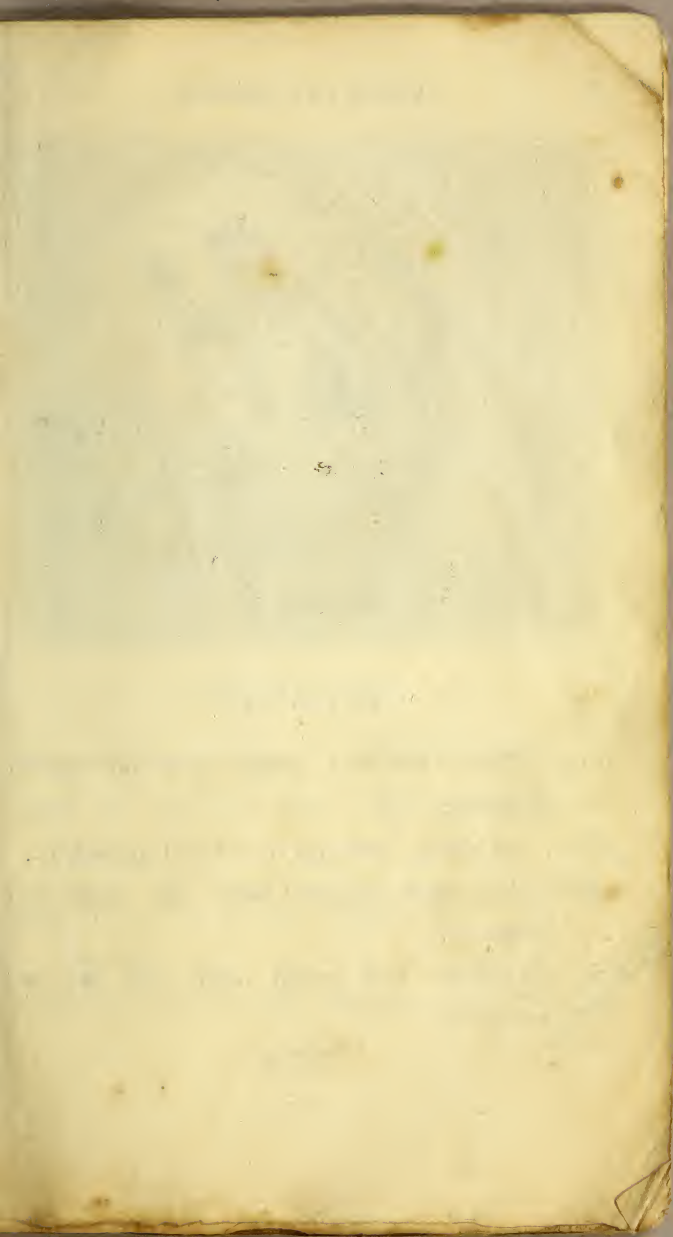
* Whip.



EARTHING AND WEEDING.

THEN we go again, hoe the earth at root-ee,
 That the cane may grow very fast, and shoot-ee;
 Little children, too, come along to weed him;
 Weed, he be no good, planter never need him.







GUARDING.

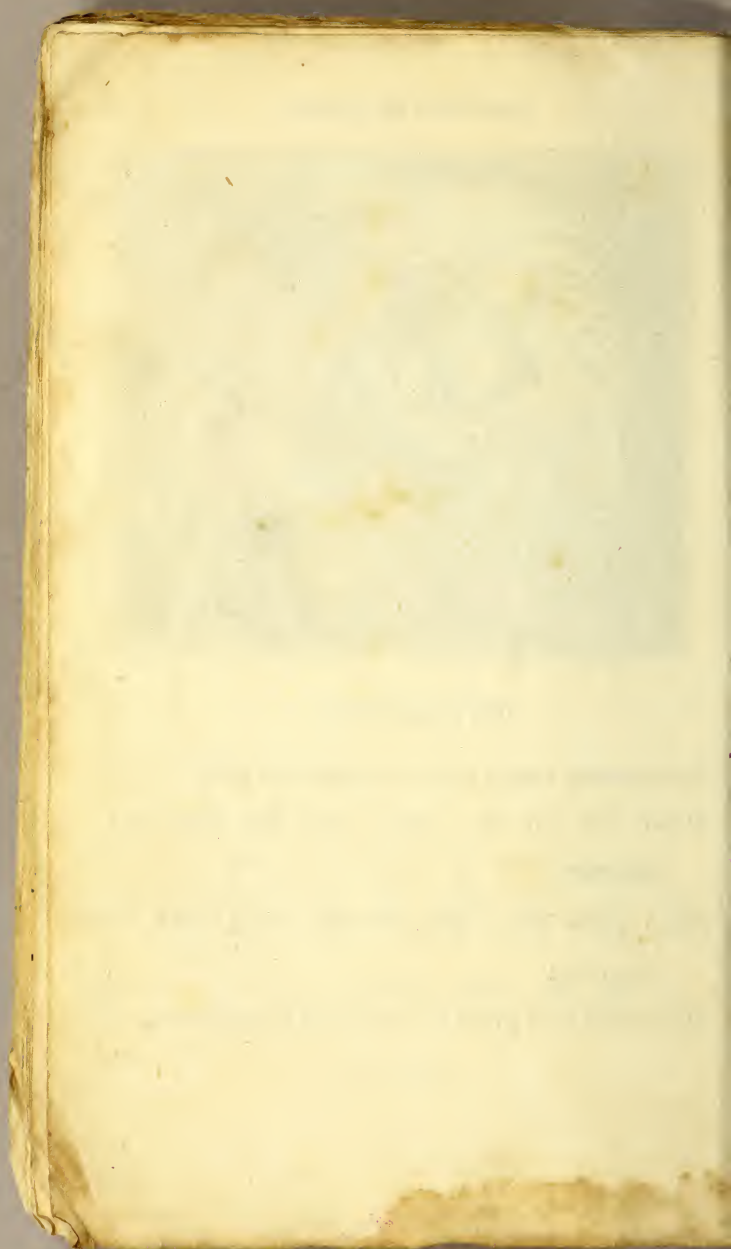
THAT thing call'd a hedge you no see in
 B'adoes;*
 Cow, and sheep, and pig, if not tied invade us;
 When the cane be ripe some one steal too
 much-ee,
 So with lance and sword night and day we
 watch-ee.

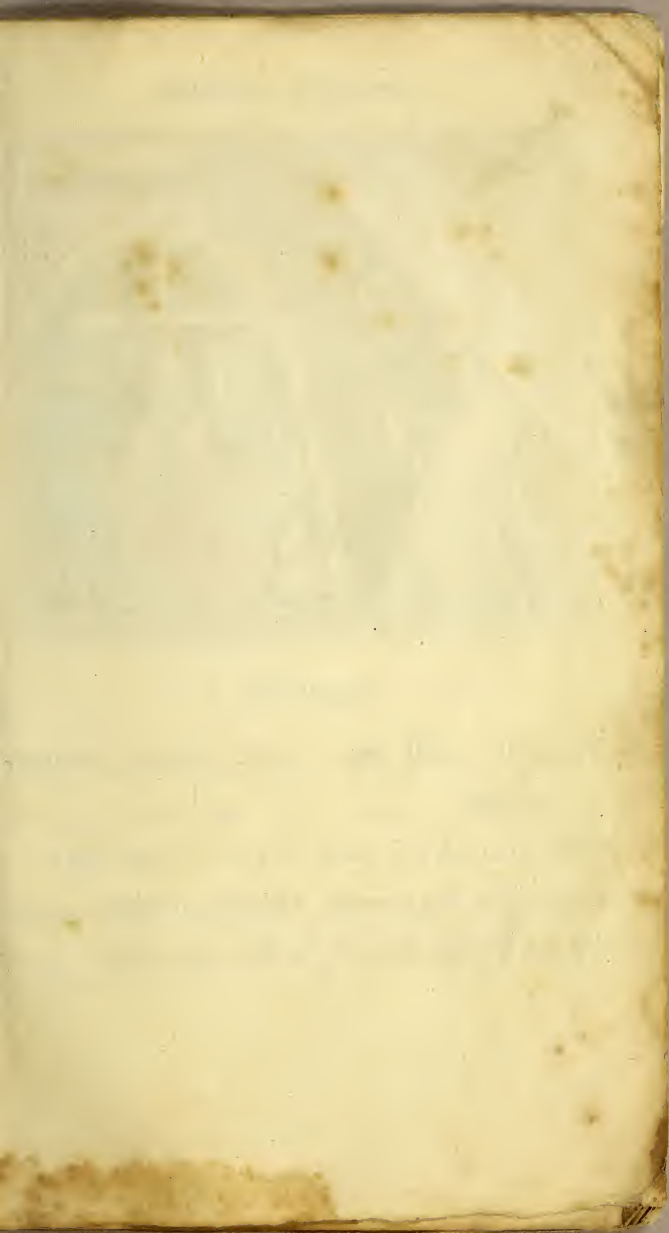
* Barbadoes.



CUTTING DOWN.

Now comes merry time ! negroes all alivee !
 Down we cut the canes, suck the juice and
 thrivee ;
 Mule grow fat as hog, though much work he
 bear-ee ;
 Horse and cow grow fat, starving is no theree.







GRINDING.

THEN the mill goes round, whizzy, whizzy,
whizzy,

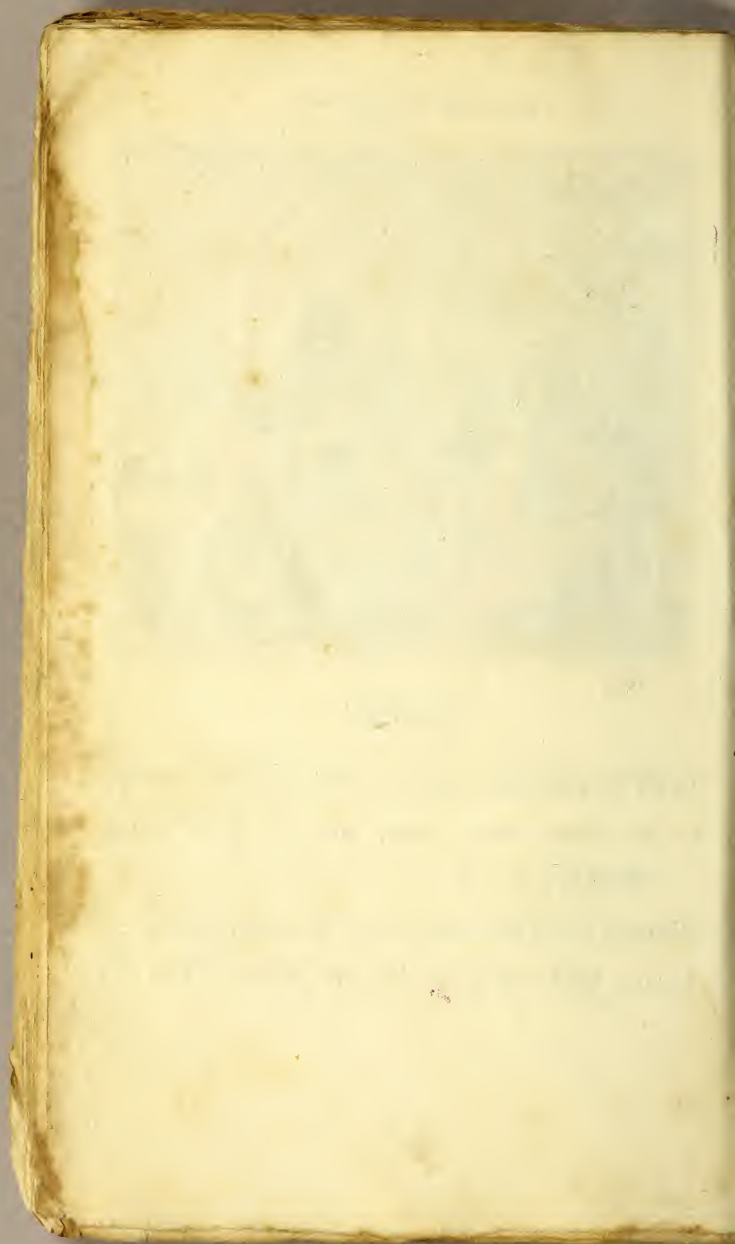
Then to crush the canes all poor we are busy ;
Cane-juice in a pipe run away for boiling ;
All the broken trash little boys are piling.

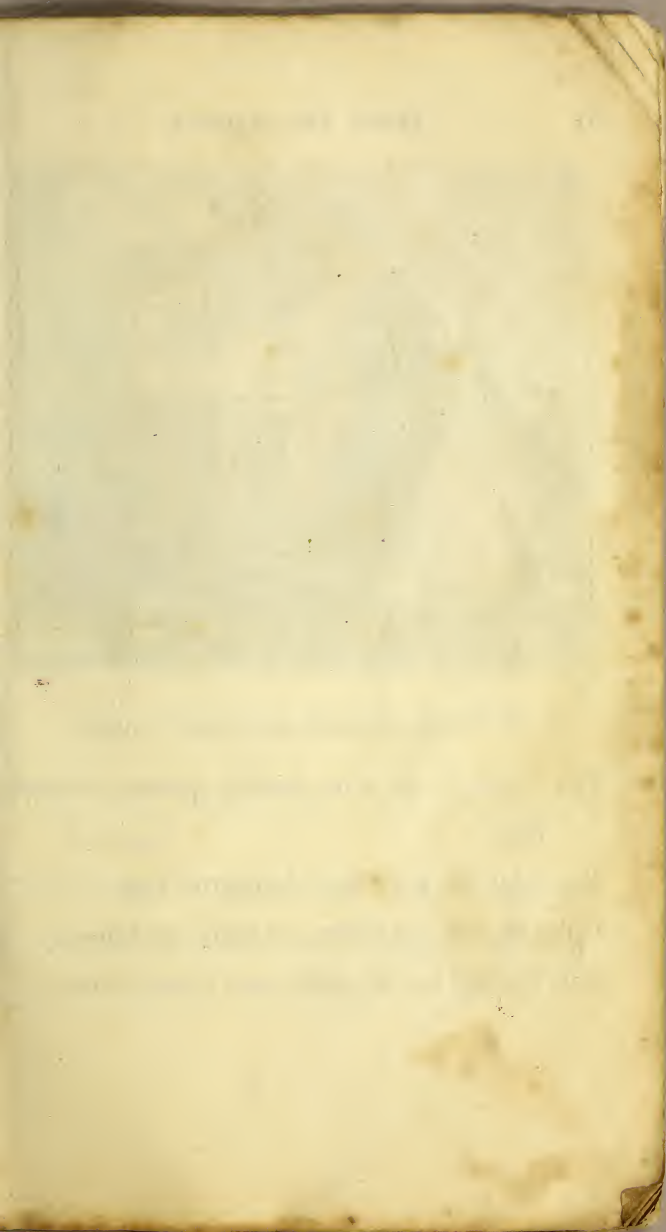


BOILING.

THEN you see the coppers, all to boil the liquor ;
In we throw some lime, soon it grow much
thicker ;

When it thick and ropy, lade it out for cool-ee ;
Then it hard like rock ! ha, ha ! Black no fool-ee !







BREAKING AND FILLING THE CASKS.

THEN we break with mallet, pickax, shovel,
hoe;

Nasty tale no true 'bout de negro's toee.

Holes in cask we make, out melasses run-ee,

This distill'd to rum make poor negro funny.



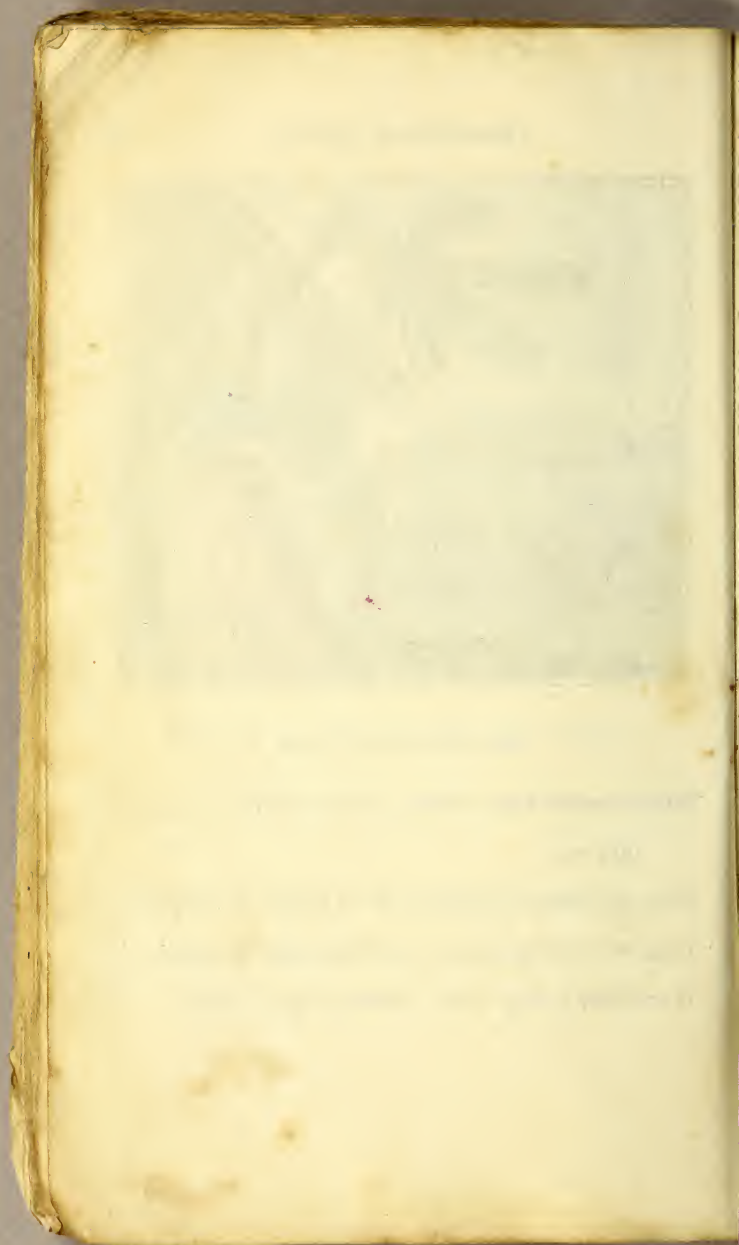
HEADING THE CASK.

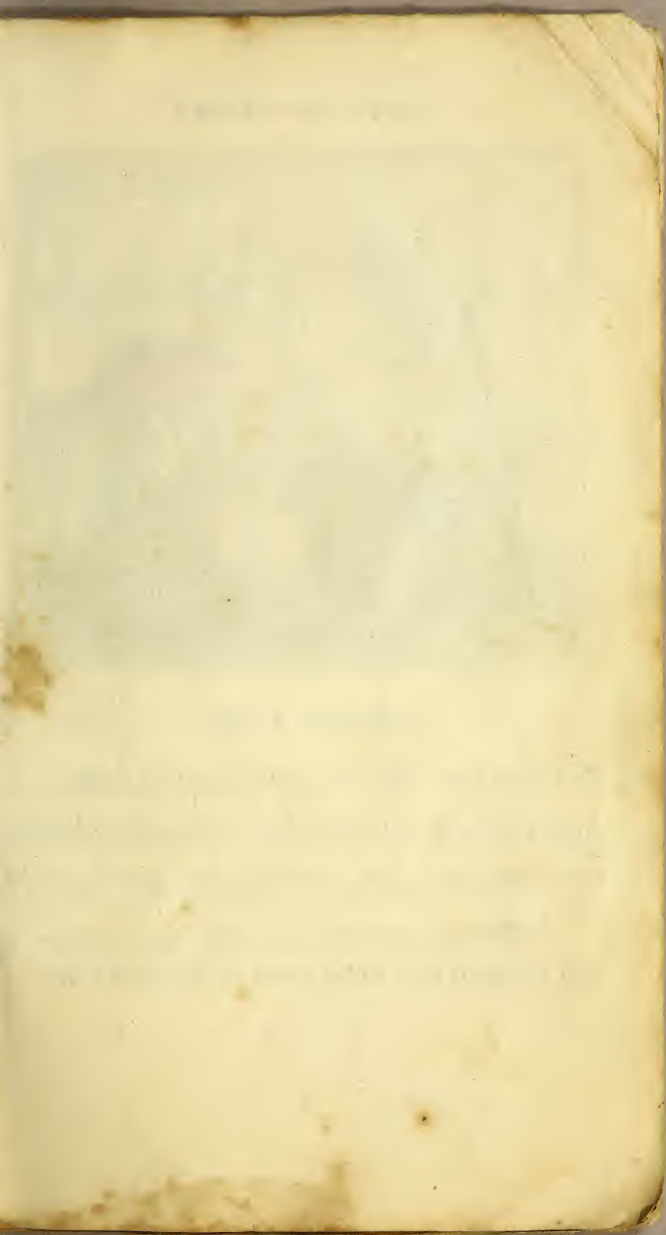
THEN comes massa Cooper, work and smoke, no
talk-ee;

Then we cart de sugar, off to town it walk-ee;

Time we no can lose,—all the ships be ready;

Work away, my boys, cheerily and steady.







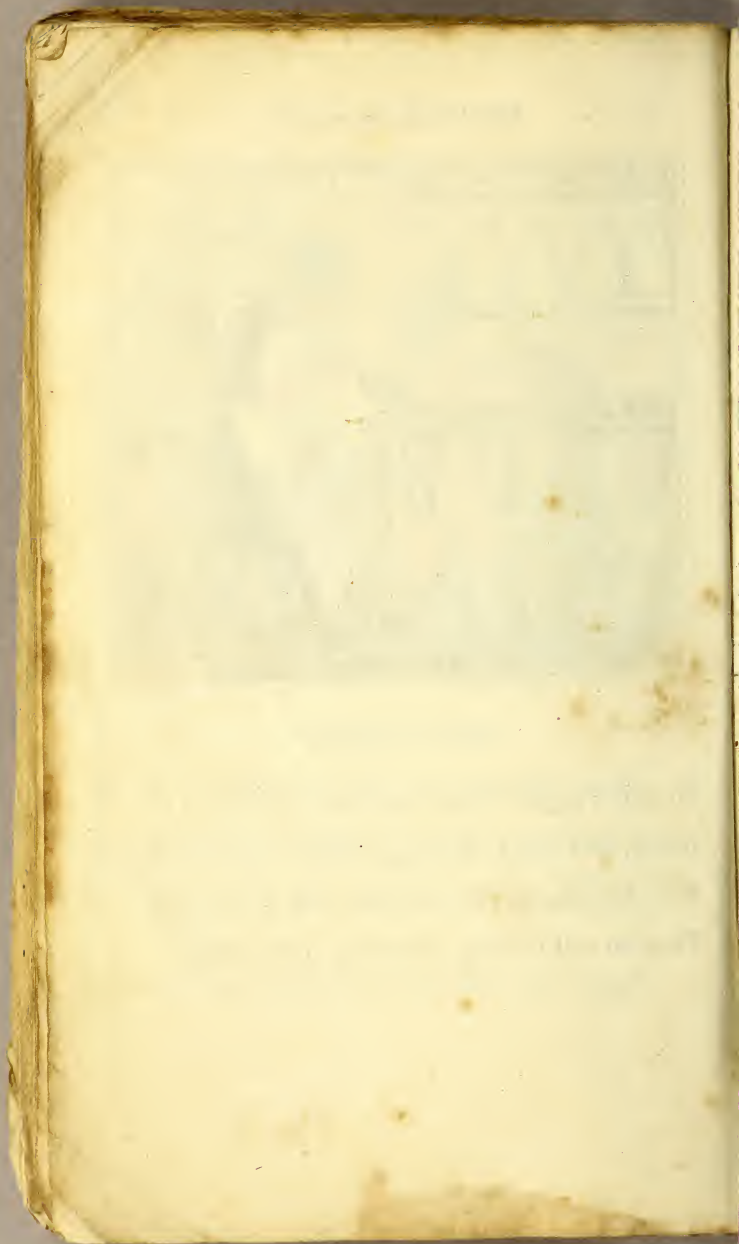
SHIPPING SUGAR.

THEN on board the ship sailor captain takee,
 All for bring to England for the tea and cakee;
 Christmas pie and pudding you could never
 havee,
 Did not fruit and sugar cross de briny wavee.



SUGAR BAKERS.

To make sugar white (sure he be a ninny !)
 Blood, and nasty someting, baker now put in-ee;
 Then he pour in pot,—so one loaf he make it;
 Then he sell in shop, dandy grocer take it.







GROCER'S SHOP.

GROCER sometimes rogue—brown sugar he
sand it!

Then it grit in tooth, Cuffy understand it.

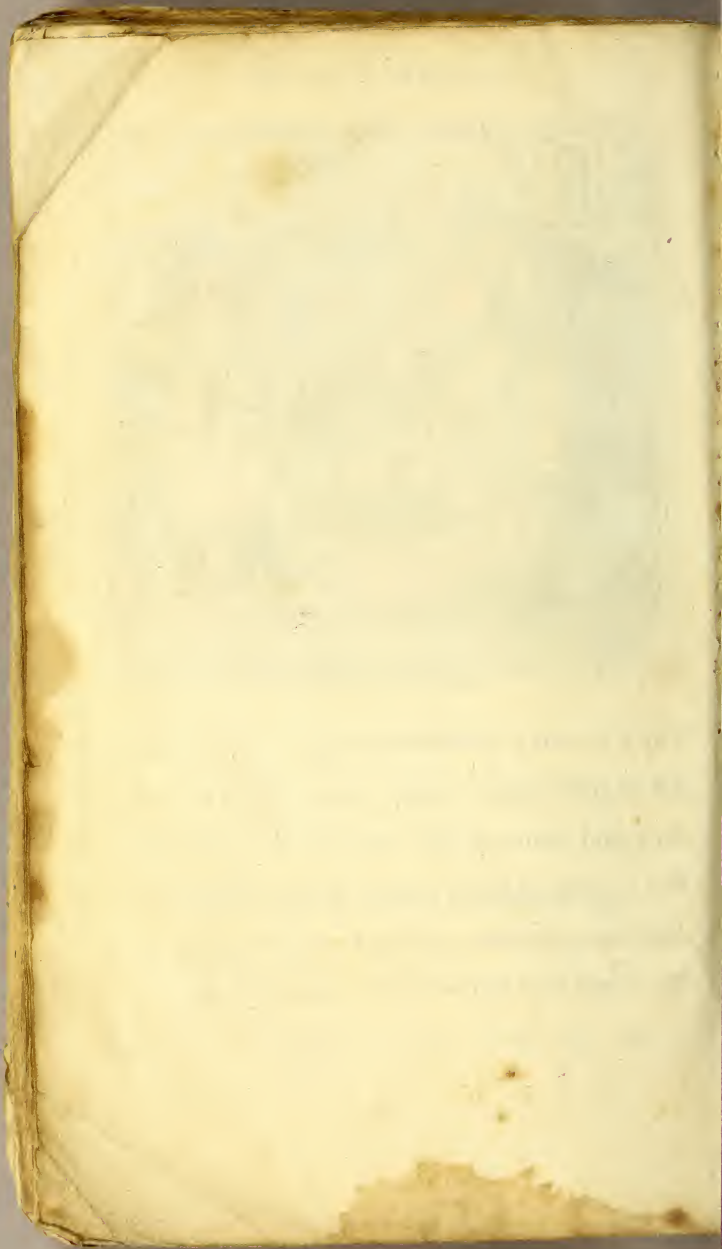
What though white man he? God above him
mark-ee!

White and black all one! God can see in
dark-ee.



CONFECTIONER.

THEN to make confection, sugar-plum or candy,
 All to tickle sweet-tooth, massa Cook be handy.
 So grand thank-ee all—may you be rewarded
 For your kind relief to poor black afforded;
 And one oder time, if you no will scoffee,
 Me a tale will tell of Cotton and of Coffee.



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